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## Letter from Antoinette Rotan Peterson, Windsor, Vermont, to Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New Hampshire, 1908 July 17

Antoinette Rotan Peterson

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FORWARDED.



Miss Anne Whitney  
Shelburne

~~Shelburne~~  
New Hampshire

No Letter for Mrs. Dorgan  
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Mr. P.



attendance at my mother's  
bedside, in great anxiety,  
not knowing what a day  
might bring forth. My mother  
had come from the South to  
visit me and was taken  
seriously ill on the very day  
of her arrival. Six weeks  
went by before we felt it  
safe for her to go to her  
own home near Gloucester.  
Since she left me, there has  
been a time of unprecedented  
heat and drought here.

[July 17, 1902]

Low Court—  
Cornish - New Hampshire

Mail address  
Windsor Vermont

Dear Miss Whitney

Let me not waste  
your time with an idle  
count of things that  
cannot be helped - things  
which have kept me silent  
since your last most kind  
and sympathetic letter  
reached me in New York, at  
a moment when I was in



So bad has it been I have really not  
ventured to ask any one to stay in the  
house, which to say the truth is  
rather low and shut-in - and - to.

Conceal nothing - infested with mos-  
quitos - Think how my heart sank

whenever I thought of you!

Moreover, my husband has been detained  
in New York all this while, and will  
only arrive tomorrow -

But now there is a welcome change in  
the weather, the mosquitos are disappear-  
ing, Dr. Peterson will be here, and I

write to ask if we may come over  
to Shelburne to pay our respects to you,  
and to arrange for a time when you  
will give us the great pleasure and  
privilege of a visit from you - We feel

that we ought to test the road before  
asking you to entrust yourself in our  
car - If you will be at leisure to see us  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, we can reach

Shelburne by four o'clock in the afternoon -  
Our plan would be to call on you in  
the afternoon or evening as may be most  
convenient for you and to return next  
day - Perhaps you will be so good as



Looking over my letter, I see  
I have mentioned the 28<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>  
Any day between the 26<sup>th</sup> and  
the 31<sup>st</sup> would be convenient  
for us and I beg you to  
think only of your own  
convenience.

With an amount of sentiment  
about this matter which  
would make you smile —  
perhaps even a little superstitious  
too — believe me

Sincerely and warmly yours  
Antoinette Rorau Petersen

July 17<sup>th</sup> —

to send me the name of a  
hotel. If I were coming alone  
I might ask to share your  
roof for a night, but we  
shall probably have friends  
with us and be too numerous  
a company to be disposed of  
except at a hotel. Besides  
I think it only right you  
should have a chance to see  
what manner of beings we  
are, who thus propose our-  
selves to you!

I hope you are well and that  
the heat has not extended  
to your hills.